ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A backlight unit according to an embodiment of the present invention comprises a lamp and an inverter circuit unit. The lamp unit includes first and second lamp groups and first to fourth electrode connecting means. Here, the first and second lamp groups are constructed in such a manner that a plurality of lamps are allocated into two groups. The first lamp group is connected to the first and third electrode connecting means, while the second lamp group is connected to the second and fourth electrode connecting means. At this time, the first and second electrode connecting means are disposed on the left side, and the third and fourth electrode connecting means are disposed on the right side. The respective lamps constituting the first and second lamp groups are alternately disposed at a predetermined interval. The inverter circuit unit includes first and second inverters. The first inverter applies an AC voltage for driving the first lamp group to the first and third electrode connecting means, and the second inverter applies an AC voltage for driving the second lamp group to the second and fourth electrode connecting means. Thus, the first and second lamp groups are driven in parallel by the first and second inverters, respectively. Even though luminance difference occurs between the first and second lamp groups due to deviations in the properties of the first and second inverters, the problem of the prior art wherein luminance difference occurs between lamp blocks can be solved by alternately disposing the respective lamps constituting the first and second lamp groups.